



**SACEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2015**

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Sonia Marcus, Vice Chair John Noor, Lawrence Pittman, Mindy Fisher, Torin Kexel, Lael Grey, Josh O'Connor

Staff in Attendance: Amber Weaver, Kerby Smithson, Polly McDaniel, Jake Klodt, Melissa VanSickle

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Torin Kexel motioned to approve the minutes. Mindy Fisher seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. UPDATES

a. Sustainability Office: Amber Weaver PAYT & Clean Energy Policy

Ms. Amber Weaver provided a review of projects within Sustainability Office. This update included an overview of the status of PAYT and the Clean Energy Policy. PED suggested the PAYT item move on to the Finance Committee and then go back to PED. Ms. Weaver also gave an update on the events moving forward on the Clean Energy Policy, including the process to hire a new temporary position and an overview of a partnership meeting between the City, County and Duke Energy. Members also discussed a PACE meeting that Ms. Weaver and Mr. Pittman attended.

b. Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council: Mary Ellen Lough

Ms. Mary Ellen Lough provided an update about the work being done between the Food Policy Council and City staff. Ms. Lough also updated members about an application to a community foundation for a grant. The grant would help link farmers to city and county owned property. Ms. Lough is requesting approval of a SACEE letter in support of the grant. Members reviewed the letter and discussed the grant. Josh O'Connor made a motion to adopt the letter. Torin Kexel seconded. Motion was adopted unanimously.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Revised Duke Energy Letter

Members discussed the revised Duke letter. Torin Kexel motioned to recommend the letter to Council. Lael Gray seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

b. SACEE Bylaws

Members reviewed the bylaws, discussed previous edits, and the purpose of specific sections. Members made edits as necessary.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2016 Meeting Time Options

Members discussed possible new meeting times. A poll for meeting times will be sent out and completed by members.

b. SACEE Sub-committee/Working Group Structure

Members discussed how and when to initiate committees and work groups. This discussion included the process for forming working groups and who would be interested in specific goals.

c. Diversity Goal

A drafted policy was reviewed by members. The policy is meant to be intentional in increasing diversity on the committee. Members moved into a discussion of the timing of implementation and possible changes.

d. SACEE Open Position Recruitment

Members discussed the process for applications and the timing for filling terms of those members leaving the committee.

Members discussed the diversity component and if it could be presented to council to add as a similar policy for other boards or commissions. Members will discuss this topic further and revisit it at the next meeting.

e. New Liaison Introduction: Julie Mayfield

Chair, Sonia Marcus Introduced Councilwoman, Julie Mayfield as the new SACEE Council Liaison. Councilwoman Mayfield provided members with a background about herself.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Stephi Rauch from the Citizens Climate Lobby provided an update of research concerning the carbon fee dividend.

Mr. Brad Rause from the Citizens Climate Lobby discussed the universal goal of net zero by 2050. Mr. Rause expressed high ambitions in Asheville and think the City can show leadership.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Sonia Marcus adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m. without objection

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